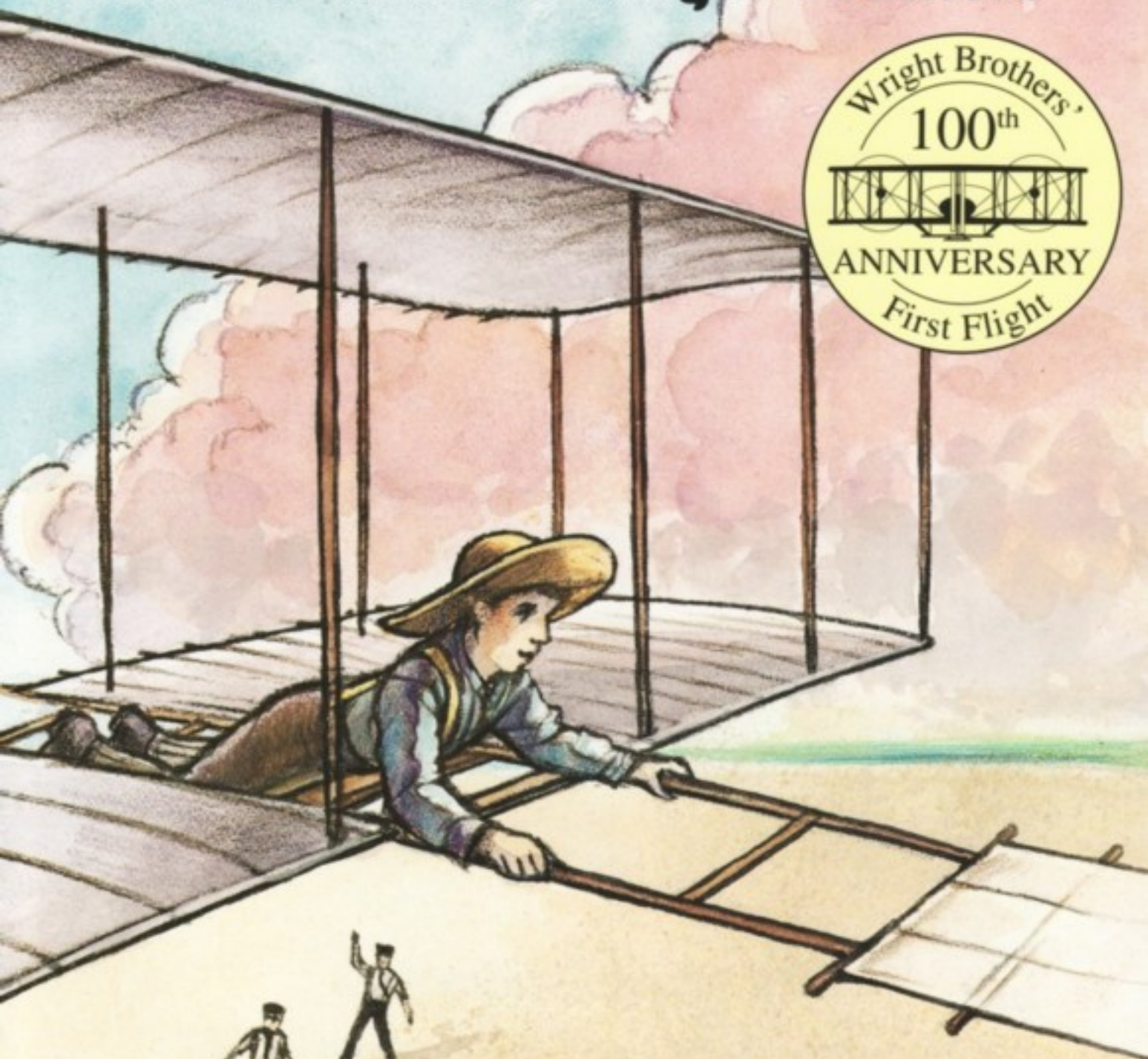


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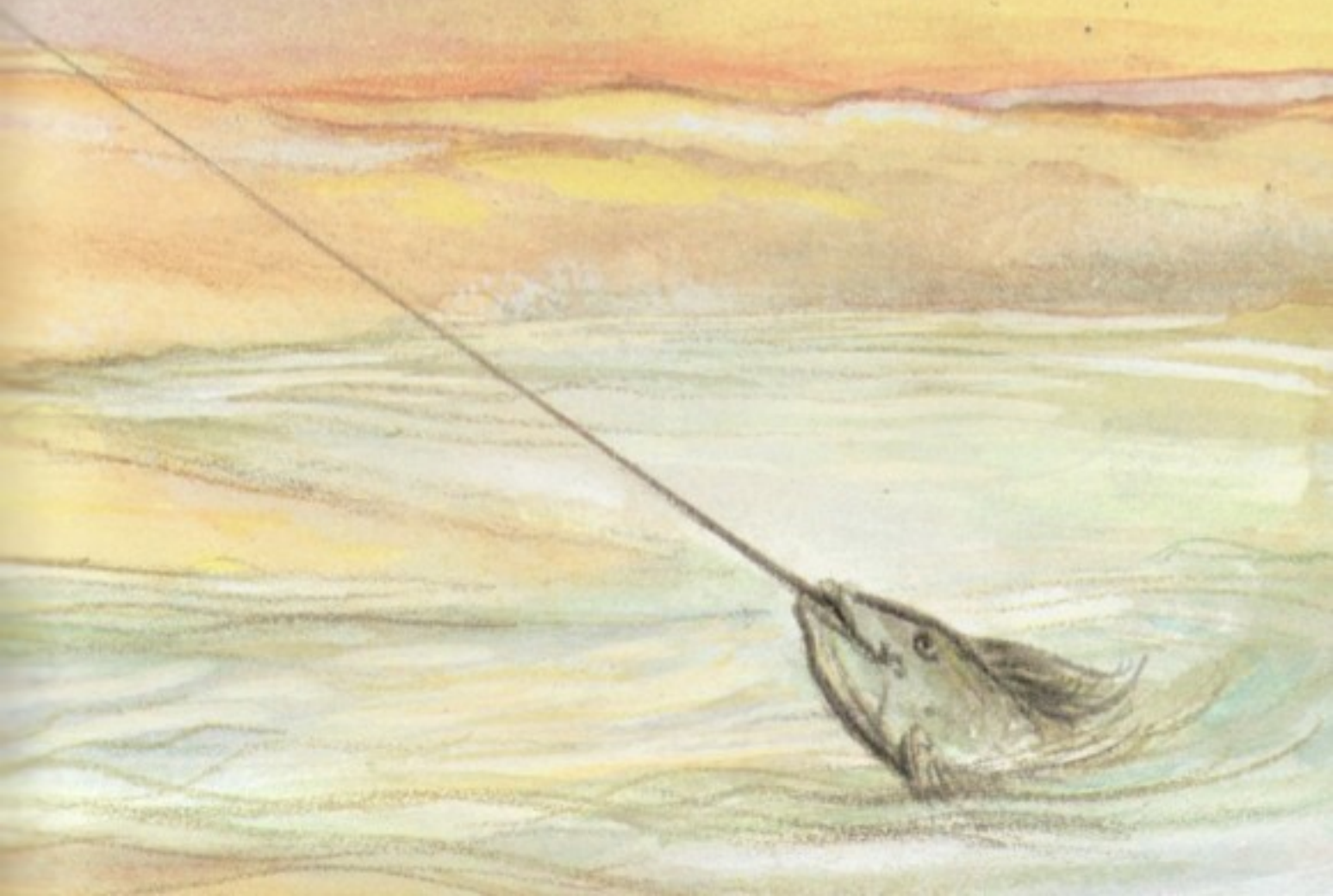
Chapter One

1900

Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

One morning, Tom Tate went out fishing. The first fish he caught was too little, so he threw it back. Then he caught a bigger fish.

“This could feed me and Pa for days,” he said to himself.



Down the beach, Tom saw two men near a big tent. Tom walked over to see what they were doing.

“Hello,” said one of the men. “That’s a big fish you’ve got there.”

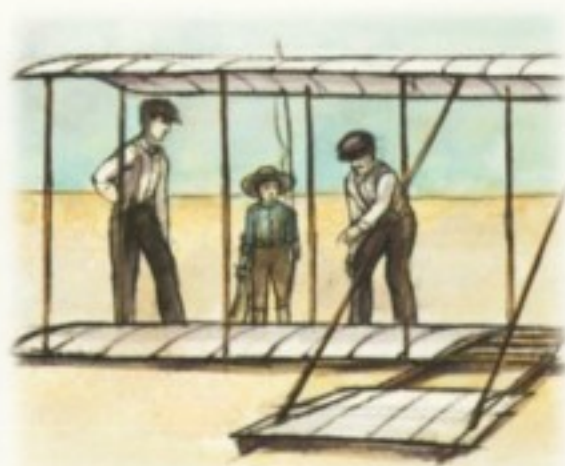
“You should have seen the first one I caught!” said Tom. “It was as big as a whale. It was so big, I couldn’t even pull it up on the beach.”



The men laughed. They wore funny clothes. Tom could see they weren't from Kitty Hawk.

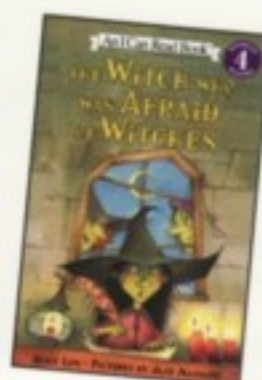
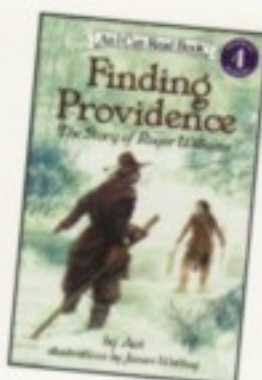


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